XI.

Mr. Henry Baker *F. R. S. to* Martin Folkes, *Eſq*; Preſ. *of the* Royal Soc. *concerning the ſame.*

Read March 8. 1749-50. ABOUT 40 Minutes after 5 o'Clock this Morning I was waked out of a ſound Sleep by a great Noiſe, hardly to be deſcrib'd, but what ſeem'd then to me as if the Roof of the Houſe was tumbling in, or like the rumbling I have ſometimes heard Thunder make before a very loud Clap. It continued 2 or 3 Seconds, as nearly as I could gueſs, under the Surprize of being awaked ſo ſuddenly; during which time the Windows rattled, the Tables, Chairs, and other Furniture in the Room, ſhook greatly; and a braſs Warming-pan, in particular, that ſtood upon a marble Slab before the Chimney, made a very remarkable ringing and jarring Noiſe.

Two Maids, in a Room over mine, were alſo wak'd by it, and got up immediately, being frighted by the ſhaking of the Bed on which they lay; but for my own part I felt little or no Motion of my own Bed. However, as moſt People who were in Bed agree in deſcribing ſuch a Motion, it was probably that which wak'd me, tho' the Violence of it might be over, before I was ſufficiently awake to take due notice of it.

My Son was likewiſe wak'd by the great rattling of the Windows in his Chamber, which he at firſt imagined to be ſhaken by a high Wind, they being apt to make ſome Noiſe in windy Weather, tho'

never like what he then heard, which ſeem'd like opening a Caſement-Window and ſhutting it again very ſuddenly and violently. A Cat that lay upon his Bed ſtarted up in much Surprize.

Several People in the Neighbourhood went out into the Streets, and others got upon the Leads of their Houſes, to ſee if any Damage was done. Some Milk-women felt it very ſtrongly as they were milking their Cows near *Maribone*. It was violent in *Bond-ſtreet*, and all that Quarter of the Town; and I find, by People living in very different and diſtant Parts of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, that it was felt univerſally through the Whole, and was not only longer in Continuance, but that its Motion was more violent and ſhocking than the Earthquake, which happen'd on *Feb.* 8. (this Day was four Weeks) a haſty Account of which I had the Honour to lay before you.

A Waterman that was lying in his Boat, then at Anchor near *Kingſton*, told a Friend of mine, that he was frighted with ſomething like a violent Blow ſtriking againſt the Bottom of the Boat; that the Water was much agitated, and that the Barges and other Veſſels upon the River were toſſed about as in a Tempeſt.

Theſe, Sir, are all the Particulars yet come to my Knowlege; which, tho' put together in a Hurry, may, I hope, prove acceptable. ——— I ſhall only add, that I have the Honour to be,

SIR,

Catherine-ſtreet, March 8. 1749-50. *Your moſt obedient humble Servant*,

Henry Baker.

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